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	Kelly Campen	3624	

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 22-24, 30 and 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21, 25-29, 32-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 34 is incomplete as it improperly depends from a rejected base claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C.

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122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 2-21 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown (US5832448).

Specifically as to claim 2, Brown discloses a method for compiling health information, performed by a computer controlled apparatus by establishing a database for storing a plurality of health statuses of a plurality of users (col. 1), wherein the database is centrally accessible (col. 3-4), receiving data corresponding to a health statistic of the user (col. 4), the data generated by a health monitoring device (col. 4); determining a health status of the user from the health statistic(col. 4-8); storing the health status in the database and updating a population statistic based on the health status and the plurality of health statuses, associating limits with at least one health stat and notifying a user's physician to contact the user when the limits are exceeded by the health stat(col 4-9).

Specifically as to claims 3-21, 32-33, see above for claim 2.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1),

(2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 25-29 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown (US5832448).

Specifically as to claim 25, Brown discloses a method for submitting cardiovascular data to a central database by receiving a request to detect a cardiovascular signal of the user; initializing a cardiovascular monitoring device connected to a computer in response to the request; measuring the cardiovascular signal with the cardiovascular monitoring device while a startup routine performed by the computer is ongoing; analyzing a waveform, receiving, after the startup routine, at least a portion of the detected cardiovascular signal of the user; and transmitting data based on the received cardiovascular signal to a central database for storage in a record corresponding to the user (see Brown, figure 6, and column 9).

Specifically as to claims 26-29 and 35, see above rejection for claim 25.

Claims 25-29 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Langer et al. (US5966692). Alternatively, Langer et al. also anticipate claims 25-29.

Specifically as to claim 25, Langer et al. disclose a method for submitting cardiovascular data to a central database by receiving a request to detect a cardiovascular signal of the user; initializing a cardiovascular monitoring device connected to a computer in response to the request; measuring the cardiovascular signal with the cardiovascular monitoring device while a startup routine performed by the computer is ongoing; analyzing a waveform, receiving, after the startup routine, at least a portion of the detected cardiovascular signal of the user; transmitting data based on the received cardiovascular signal to a central database for storage in a record corresponding to the user and associating limits with the data based on the received cardiovascular signal; and notifying a user's physician with a message sent from the computer, to contact the user when the limits are exceeded by the data (see figures 2 and 5; see col. 1, lines 35-60, col. 2, lines 50-67).

Specifically as to claims 26-29 and 35, see above rejection for claim 25.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's amendments, filed 10/6/2005, with respect to the 35 USC 101 rejection have been fully considered and the rejection withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments filed 10/6/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that Brown does not disclose calculating a mean value for each patient from the patient's own set of measurements, without comparison to statistics derived from the health statuses of other users, Examiner disagrees and refers to Brown, col. 2, lines 10-40.

In response to Applicant's argument that Brown and Langer do not disclose "startup routine" this is also inherent. All computers when turned on begin a start up routine. In addition to the argument that Brown and Langer don't disclose analyzing the waveform, see Brown, col. 5 and Langer col. 3, lines 25-65.

In response to applicant's arguments, the recitation "acoustical" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951).

The database in Brown is capable of performing the same function as the database claimed in claim 2. The claim merely states that the database needs to be accessible. It is inherent in the Brown patent that the database is accessible to the Internet (in addition, see Brown, col. 5, lines 50-65 and the collection of email addresses). Any computer which is tied into the Internet (as ones at a medical facility are) is accessible.

In response to applicant's argument, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. In a claim drawn to a process of making, the intended use must result in a manipulative difference as compared to the prior art.

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See *In re Casey*, 152 USPQ 235 (CCPA 1967) and *In re Otto*, 136 USPQ 458, 459 (CCPA 1963).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly Campen whose telephone number is (703) 308-0780. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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